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1. a. An airfield was located on the western town limits of TULA (37°27' E/54°12' N), south of the Upa River and west of the N-S railroad line.
- b. The about 3,300-foot square landing field was meadowland which was not fenced-in. There were no solid buildings or a concrete runway, but only some tents.*
- c. Some biplanes were observed at the field until 1947. Since 1947 the field has been occupied by:

(1) Up to 30 twin-engine aircraft which flew individually or made long-distance flights in three-plane formations. Description: Twin-engine low-wing monoplane, radial engine, landing gear and tail wheel retractable, round cross section of fuselage, glazed turret in nose compartment, glazed cockpit on top of fuselage, no windows in fuselage, trapezoidal, slim wings slightly swept back but not dihedral, rounded-off wing tips, single rudder assembly. These aircraft were the same size as the He-111, were relatively speedy, had a bluish-gray paint and the Soviet star emblem on wings and rudder assembly. +

(2) Twin-engine aircraft, similar to type (1), but larger and slower, with windows in the fuselage. These aircraft were assigned to carry paratroopers. Parachuting in 15 to 18-man groups was done almost every morning and evening from altitudes of from 2,500 to 4,000 feet. The aircraft flew about 1,600 feet apart. The jumpers were carried by two parachutes, each opening at almost the same time. They landed on a meadow adjacent to the airfield. Each parachute practice lasted for about two hours. ++

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2. Another airfield was located on a hill north of the town, west of the road to MOSCOW. The view to the airfield was limited by a strip of woods. The field seemed to be occupied by fighters.

Field Comment:

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a. [REDACTED] two airfields near TULA, of which the field west of TULA is occupied by an air transport unit (probably a regiment) and a parachute school. Ø

b. Several concordant reports have been received on the mentioned airfield north of TULA. ØØ

+ The description implies that Yak-16s were stationed there.

++ The aircraft type described is believed to be an IL-2. The smaller Yak-16 is about 25 mph faster than the IL-2.

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Comment: See [REDACTED] for previously reported installations and runways at the airfield.

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